

Hon. Richard Helms
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

I am writing to request declassification of the Office of Training publication Intelligence for National Policy. The present classification—Confidential, Internal Use Only—is now almost 5 years old.

I wrote Intelligence for National Policy during the 1965-1966 academic year, when I was a fellow at Princeton University. I planned to have the book published outside of Government, with royalties remitted to the U.S. Treasury (since the Agency paid my salary during the Princeton year). I was just as pleased at the Agency's decision to have OTR put out the publication. I was not pleased that OTR was later enjoined from circulating the publication outside the Agency.

The restrictive classification was, in fact, very much in question at the time. All the appropriate offices up through the Office of Security had cleared the manuscript for security content. The proper endorsements attesting to its unclassified character were attached to the manuscript. [redacted] argued to keep the publication unclassified. Sherman Kent expressed some salty words of his own on the subject, later writing a note in which he said the publication was "exactly (his underlining) what ought to be available to scores—if not hundreds—of college teachers of U.S. foreign policy, international relations, etc...."

The precedents for declassification go back at least to 1959, when I wrote a little volume called National Intelligence for the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. There was disagreement in the Agency then also about putting the study out as an unclassified publication. But it did get out, and it reflected creditably on Agency scholarship. The ICAF textbook series, of which National Intelligence was a part, is now

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